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FROM TEXAS.

HILLSBORO, TEXAS, Sept. 20, EDITOR NEWS:

Having recently had the pleasure of attending the State Conventions of each of the great political parties in this State, and having observed rather closely the proceedings of each convention, I am brought to believe that some of the observations would not be offensive to the readers of the News, hence I will give some of them.

At high-noon on the 15th, day of July, 1902, there convened in the beautiful Island City of Texas one of the most remarkable conventions ever held in the State, perhaps the most remarkable convention in some respects ever held in the history of the Democratic party. With no flags of hostile factions, with no badges to mark personal ambition and greed, free from every trace of bossism, ring-rule and the acrimony of party strife, this convention was most remarkable for its perfect harmony, and unanimity of action. Every question touching platform construction and demands State legislation had been settled, as had also been all contests for State offices, by the different county primaries throughout the State. Every delegate to that convention went there with instructions to vote only for those who had been successful in primaries, this including a full State ticket, headed by one of the purest men in American politics, the cleanest man in Texas politics, Hon. S. W. T. Lanham. No one who has the honor of an acquaintance with Colonel Lanham (as he is familiarly known) or who may have heard him on that day when he stood before the representative Democracy of Texas and accepted from them their unanimous nomination to be Governor of Texas, can for one moment doubt his sincerity of purpose, his devotion to his party or his loyalty to his State and Nation.

This convention was remarkable for another fact, which was this, that those delegates gathered there, were granted the privilege and delighted to honor the last living representative of that loyal body of statesmen who composed the cabinet of the immortal Davis. This man was Hon. John S. Reagan, at one time Post Master General in the Davis Cabinet. For sixty years Mr. Reagan has been an active worker in the political affairs of his country, and there is today perhaps no other man who has served so long and so well the interest of his party and especially the interest of the State of Texas as has Mr. Reagan. Beginning his public career back in the early forties and continuing with but slight interruption to the present day, filling as he has many of the highest gifts of trust in the power of his people—at one time in the cabinet of Davis, at another in the senate of the United States, and now in the closing days of his official life (for he says that with the expiration of his present term as R. R. Commissioner he will retire) to enjoy the respect and esteem, the confidence and good-will of those whom he has served and who now regard him with an admiration little less than a Divine reverence, is an honor accorded to the few, and one which none have or will in the future more truly deserve.

Sufficient however for the Democratic convention, and now for that other—the biennial gathering of the amalgamated forces of the Anglo-Saxon and African races as represented by the Republican party in Texas. If the Democratic convention was remarkable, this one was far more remarkable. If peace, harmony and unanimity of action characterized the actions of the one, strife, division and pandemonium disgraced the proceedings of the other. If the one could be designated as an Anglo-Saxon convention the other could as truly be termed an Anglo-African convention, with a small contingent of the "Lily whites." If the one lacked in entertainment, amusement and excitement so necessary to a political gathering, the other was black with all that could demoralize, insult and disgrace a lover of the white man's supremacy.

The "bone of contention" and the only honor for the convention to award was the empty honor of the chairmanship of the State executive committee, for the ensuing two years. For this position contested the three leading lights of this spasmodic party in this State—namely Lyon, Hawley and the multi-millionaire, E. H. R. Green, son of the Queen of Finance of the west, Mrs. Hettie Green. It had been even-

dent for the past six months that a bitter contest was on and with the approach of the convention the war cloud (and it was a very black one too) lowered with a rapidity that threatened swift and direful results to some one. In every county in the State where conventions were held divisions, fist-fights and bolts were the order, from nearly half the counties were sent contesting delegations to the State convention, thus augmenting by almost half the normal attendance at these conventions. Galveston county sent three delegations, representing the three contestants. This county (Hill) had two delegations, and here for the first time I had the pleasure of witnessing the novel procedure of two conventions doing business at the same time in the same hall, and each faction exerting their utmost lung capacity in an effort to drown the proceedings of the other. To be properly appreciated this sight must be seen. The chairman of the county executive committee of this county is a negro preacher, black as the proverbial "Ace of Spades," and as ignorant as Balaam's mule, though to do him justice he is pretty well versed in the schlempery and treachery of political bossism. I am glad to say just here that, of a large number of Ex-Adair county Republicans in this county, only a few of them participated in this convention, and those who did have since said that only with the elimination of the negro will they again affiliate with the party in any but national elections.

The State convention met in Ft. Worth September the 9th, and a motlier crowd it would certainly be difficult to find. The clean self-respecting white Republicans were woefully in the minority and seemed much chagrined and even disgusted with the proceedings. A sentiment was early among this element for harmony. This sentiment rapidly gained favor and with the aid of a telegram from headquarters asking the leaders on behalf of the administration to secure harmony at any cost, a compromise was reached whereby Hawley became temporary chairman of the convention, Green permanent chairman and Lyon remains chairman of the State Executive Committee. The wildest demonstration I have ever seen greeted the appearance on the platform of the convention hall, the three leaders, Green, Hawley and Lyon. When they, hand in hand, marched to the front of the platform and announced that an agreement had been reached and that harmony would prevail, I almost fancied that I was in the midst of an old time Georgia camp meeting, shouts of "Hallelujah," "Thank God," and "Amen" came from all corners of the hall, and when some over zealous and extremely pious colored brother raised the tune of "Old Time Religion" the enthusiasm knew no bounds, and all realized that the climax had come for the most unique convention ever held in Texas, and a fitting climax it was. Perhaps the most interesting character in this gathering was the Hon. "Goose-Neck," Bill McDonald, who enjoys the distinction of being the "big negro" among negroes in Texas.

In the distribution of the minor offices in the convention the "Lily Whites" took precedence and a firm sentiment was clearly demonstrated in favor of the quiet but ultimate elimination of the negro from Republican councils in Texas. And there can be but little doubt that ere long this will be done, when it is there can be as little doubt, that there will, spring into existence a party which will be able to present a formidable foe for the now dominant and all-powerful democracy. And I believe that Democrat and Republican will welcome the advent of the white Republican party. The Democratic party does not anticipate any ascendancy to power of the Republican party, but the influence of a clean, white and possible (though not probable) successful rival will do much to purify the Democratic party, which from its long years of undisputed control and authority has grown to be none too pure.

Respt.,

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STATE CANDIDATES.

The field is already full of Democratic candidates for State offices, and they are beginning to get a hustle on. Much preliminary work has already been done by many of them. The following is the entry to date, with the exception of some we may have overlooked, and several others have their lightning rods in shape to put up in the near future.

For Governor—J. C. W. Beckham, of Nelson, the incumbent; John K. Hendrick, of Smithland; Col. E. H. Taylor, Jr., of Franklin; James D. Black, of Barbourville, and Robert Breckinridge, of Danville.

Lieutenant Governor—W. P. Thorne, of Henry; R. H. Tomlinson, of Garrard; Abe Renick, of Clark.

Auditor—John B. Chenault, of Madison; S. W. Hager, of Boyd; June W. Gayle, of Owen.

Treasurer—Josh T. Griffith, of Owensboro; Gus W. Richardson, of Meade; J. T. Gosnell, of Grayson; Henry Bosworth, of Fayette; H. H. Henninger, of Wayne.

Secretary of State—H. V. McChesney, of Livingston; Harry Tandy, of McCracken; J. D. McIntyre, of Bath.

Attorney General—Willard Mitchell, of Jessamine; N. B. Hays, of Bell, and probably Jas. Garnett, Jr., of Columbia.

Clerk of Court of Appeals—Robt. L. Green, of Bracken; W. B. O'Connell, of Montgomery.

Superintendent of Public Institutions—Ben Watt, of Warren; Rev. Lew W. Wallace, of Pendleton; J. J. Watkins, of Union; Rev. T. N. Arnold, of Franklin.

Commissioner of Agriculture—J. M. Frazee, of Mason; Tobias Gibson, of Fayette; Simeon Cook, of Shelby; R. C. Crenshaw, of Christian.

ESTO.

Miss Zola Beck is sick with chills and fever.

Mr. Tom Hurt, who has been very sick with flux and fever, is better.

Rev. W. A. Beck, the Methodist preacher on Jamestown work, will remove his family back to his old home in a short time. We regret very much to give them up, as they are excellent neighbors.

Eastham & Sons, this place, are having a splendid trade.

R. E. Stevenson, this place, entered the Winchester College last Tuesday.

Bro. Harrison is teaching singing at this place Saturday nights of each week.

The Esto string band met at Ores Barger's Friday night and rendered some excellent music. The band consists of three violins, three guitars, three mandolins and a bass violin.

Annual Conference of the United Brethren will convene at Liberty Church October 15th and will be presided over by Bishop Mills, of Pennsylvania.

ORDINANCES.

Notice is hereby given that the town of Columbia, Ky., will on the 9th day of October, 1902, at 2 o'clock, p. m., at the court house door, sell a Franchise right, for a period of twenty years from the 22d day of October, 1902, the first five years thereof being exclusive, for cash in hand, to construct, maintain and operate and electric plant in said town of Columbia, Ky., for the purpose of selling, and disposing of Electricity for lights, heating, power, mechanical and other purposes, and for doing a general electric light and power business.

ATTEST, JO NAT CONOVER, TOWN CLERK.

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ATTEST, JO NAT CONOVER, TOWN CLERK.

AN OLD TRAGEDY RE-CALLED.

CANE VALLEY, KY., Sept. 26, Editor of the News.

Having read in the News, some time ago, of a tragedy that occurred in Neatsville, Adair county, in the fifties, written by my old friend, W. F. Neat, all of which I remember very well, I recall another tragedy that occurred in Adair county, in a mile and a half of Columbia, many years ago. The old house in which the event occurred still stands on one of the banks of Russell's creek to remind the old passer of the crime perpetrated in that house.

In 1841, Jacob Burk and his two little sons, aged 10 and 12, lived in the house mentioned; the three comprising his family, his wife having died several years previous to the crime I am relating. Not being posted with all the details connected with the deed, I had to rely upon older men than myself for information. "Uncle" Perry Hancock, an old and one of the best citizens of the county, and a man of sound judgment and solid information, informs me that Burk was a son-in-law of William Henry Harrison, not the President, but the same name, and he claimed to be related to President Harrison.

He was a candidate several times in Adair county for the Legislature and in one race he was beaten only one vote. Frank Montgomery, Sr., beat him that vote.

But to return to the tragedy: "Uncle" Perry Hancock informs me that perhaps on more than one occasion Burk told him that no one should ever control his two little boys, but no one thought at the time he meant murder; but time passed on and the father and two sons seemed to be living together tranquilly. Little did the two innocent boys think when they went to bed that fatal night that it was their last night upon earth. The next day Oliver Hancock, a brother of "Uncle" Perry's, was passing by the house, and not seeing any of the family, he went to the stable and there he found the Senior Burk hanging by the neck dead. Whilst he was gazing upon the body, Judge Zach Wheat rode up. They remained awhile, then went to the house to hunt for the little boys, but found the doors locked. By this time it was nearly dark and the search for the boys was abandoned until next morning. Several parties gathered next morning and forced their way into the house, and on the bed the boys were lying, spooned, with their heads cut off. However, there was a small piece of skin hanging between the neck and head of one of the boys. A bloody axe was near the door and a sharp shoe knife was lying on the table in the room, and a part of the bed corn cut off, showing where Burk got the rope with which he hung himself.

Thus ended a triple murder that was perpetrated sixty-one years ago, which but few people now living in Adair county remember. P. H. BRIDGEWATER.

GREEN RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

A large force of hands are at work on government locks and dams on Green river above Brownsville, giving slackwater a considerable distance towards Mufordville, and in high water boats will run to that place.

It has been the purpose of the government to make the survey of the river in such a way as not to ruin Mammoth Cave with the back water communicating with Echo river in the cave. To that end the dam above Brownsville will be made higher and contain a much larger body of water than the one below.

Hon. John Rhea got an appropriation of \$85,000 that is now being used to improve Green river as stated above. Yet there are those who say John Rhea never did any thing while in Congress.—Horse Cave Gazette.

The wave of indignation passed through Bellaire, Ohio, over the action of J. D. Deafenbaugh, principal of a school, who caused eight white and three negro girls to exchange kisses in settlement of childish differences.

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